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21. (Amended) A method for treatment of chronic heart failure by reducing pulmonary congestion not based on diuretic and hypotensive effects comprising administering a substance that acts on guanylyl cyclase A natriuretic peptide receptor and accelerates production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate to a subject in need of such treatment in an amount effective for reducing pulmonary congestion, wherein said amount does not produce diuretic and hypotensive effects.